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OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 17.

The Parliamentary session has been closed with more than customary honour. At what was virtually the last sitting there was the usual disturbance. To-day the Governor has gone in state to express his satisfaction with the very few measures that have passed, and yesterday there was a novelty in the shape of a Ministerial picnic. At the invitation of the Government, its supporters in both Houses met to have a picnic at Queenscliff with their wives and sweethearts, cousins and aunts, in order to have the magnates blown out of them by the sea breeze. In the talk fall on the subject of Parliamentary obstruction and the time-wasting windbags, though enough, however, the gathering showed how little that parliamentarians come to be encouraged, for by way of compliment to their hosts, they insisted upon a speech from every member of the Ministry. The petitioners seem to look out for a stump wherever he goes, just as the stoned Jews erected an altar, even if they stayed for a day in one place.

The record of the session is extremely meagre. The Act providing for the establishment of an Australian fleet is regarded with special approval. The new laws dealing with neglected children and the formation of a Marine Board have both been long expected; and it is hoped that the extension of the powers of justices of the peace will facilitate and cheapen the settlement of disputes. For the amending of the Licensing Act the Government can claim no credit as a matter of fact, it implies a greater change than our entry into the calculations of the politicians, and Mr. Balfour and the other leaders are now warning the party to be moderate in case they provoke a reaction. In other words, they have gained a power by Parliamentary intrigues which they are afraid the country will not permit them to use. For this we may thank the natural split in the business trade. The spirit merchants and brewers are as many hotels as are possible; the publicans are willing to close their doors to-morrow if they can do so at profit; and, consequently, when they were offered liberal compensation, they voted for their own extinction.

Beyond these measures there is nothing of importance to show for the six months sitting of Parliament. Mr. Gillies adopts the jauntiest tone, and declares that a barren session is not an unmixed evil. He defends himself by saying that the passing of a few good valuable measures for the general benefit of the community ought to afford more satisfaction than the passing of 50 of minor importance. All this is probably true. The passing of a very few bills would satisfy the community, and a large number would be the more contest if Parliament were prodded for a year or two, and could do nothing. The thing that Victoria does not require is legislation. At the present moment many of our recent laws, like the prohibition of Sunday trading and the enforcement of compulsory closing, are out of touch with public opinion. Parliament, in fact, can hardly legislate with respect to the risk of promulgating an act prematurely, and a barren session might therefore be the best session for the public. But such considerations, however true they may be, do not excuse the Government or the House, for they cannot deny the fact that the session has been made, not out of a desire on the part of the leaders to aid law-making, but through continued obstruction. Mr. Gillies only submitted a few measures, his whole house would have been unanswerable. But he brought down 70 bills, and amongst these the Marine Board was only discussed at the eleventh hour, the grammatical corrections being left to the Council, and passed in a hurry. Similarly, the Public Service Bill was only introduced at the end of the session, and, as there was no opposition to it, it was lost. The time was, really, wasted in the discussion of valueless measures, which were afterwards readily disposed, in personal squabbles, in party bickering, in wearisome and dreary talk. An session can be contemplated without dismay; a session rendered futile by the steady deterioration of indecision is another thing.

The last days were enlivened by a scene in which Mr. Gillies and Mr. Bent were the heroes. Mr. Bent was declaiming in his usual unpleasant tones on the extension of the city council, and asked whether, in such a matter, a vote to be ruled by "prejudice". "No,"

said the Premier, "nor by syndicates either. His remark called the leader of the Opposition, who is a professional trafficker in land, and he retorted at once by saying that Mr. Gillies was paid for taking up the Tramway Bill in the House. Mr. Gillies, who was in a white heat, instantly said that the words be taken down, and added that if he sat there for a month he would make his best apology. The latter stalked for about half-an-hour, and then attempted to deny that he had used words, but the House roared at the equivocation.

Finally, as it dawned upon him that he was strong and without the means of escape, he apologized for the personal charge. The opportunity was not dispensed to Mr. Gillies. The story has the ring of the whole colony that he was not to be trusted.

The rumour is now circulated that at the end of the present Parliament Mr. Gillies will succeed Sir Graham Berry in the Agent-Generalship.

It is an arrangement understood to have been made by the hot coalition Government. If it is carried out we will be a chorus of sham indignation, but every one knows that there is no intimacy associated with Australian questions and so well fitted for the Agent-General's post as Mr. Gillies.

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INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[By Telegraph.]

(From our own Correspondent.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, MONDAY.

The Governor and Lady Looch have taken up their residence for the summer at Mount Macedon.

This evening Mr. Colville, secretary to the Central Board of Health, telephoned to the secretary of the Sydney Board of Health for particulars of the case of the small-pox at Hanging Rock, as to what precautions have been taken besides asking if there is any risk to railway passengers proceeding to Victoria. He had not received a reply up till a late hour.

The Customs authorities announce that duty will not be charged on articles intended to be shown at the Centennial exhibition, so long as they are not sold. If they go into consumption the duty will have to be paid.

The R. M. S. Orya, after less than half an hour's detention, was admitted to pratique. Those of the pass-overs who are still invalids are bound for Sydney.

The Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, who will occupy the pulpit of the Scots Church for the next three months, was a passenger by the R. M. S. Orya, which arrived to-day. The reception committee, comprising the leading members of the congregation, proceeded to Williamson Bay by special train, and gave a warm welcome to Dr. Lang.

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane, MONDAY.

The Queensland surveying gunboat Palumah returned to port to-day for the purpose of refitting, after being absent since 22nd April, during which time she has surveyed 12,000 square miles, in addition to 280 miles of coast line, extending from Port New Northwards.

The whole of the channel inside Hinchinbrook Island has been triangulated, as well as the line of coast as far as Coode Island to the north, in preparation for next season's work.

A terrific thunderstorm burst over the town of Warwick at 8 this evening, lasting about two hours, accompanied by a smart fall of rain.

Further information from Barcaldine was received to-day to the effect that the flow of water in the bore shows no signs of diminution. A column of water is shooting some 20ft. into the air, and is washing away great quantities of earth on reaching the ground. The ingenuity of the hydraulic engineer is now taxed to the utmost to provide some means of keeping the water within bounds.

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Messrs. Gibbs and Livingstone report that the steamer Killerny, Captain James O'Neill, was sunk in 30 minutes while anchored in Pidlo Harbour, by the steamer Crusader cutting her down. All hands were saved, but they lost everything.

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THE SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES.

X.—WATERLOO.

The borough of Waterloo was incorporated in the year 1860. It has an area of 700 acres, and is bounded on the north by Boundary and Phillip streets, on the south by a portion of the borough of Botany, on the east by Dowling-street and on the west by Botany-street. The borough is not divided into wards, but is represented by nine aldermen.

The southern metropolitan sewerage system has been extended to Waterloo, although only about one-third of the work has been finished. So far, the sewer runs through Bourke-street, and various connections have been made with it to the extent, in all, of about four and a-half miles. The work to accommodate the remaining two-thirds of the borough has not yet been commenced, and a long period must elapse before it is finished. In the meantime, the present arrangements, which have been fairly satisfactory in the past, must be continued as underground drainage, however, exists nearly all over the borough, Sheas Creek being the receptacle of the liquid refuse. The city water supply is extended to every house. According to recently published statistics, the sanitary condition of the borough is excellent, the death-rate being very low.

The streets, which are, in the aggregate, 10 miles in length, are nearly all metallised; but in Botany-street a distinctive feature of road-formation as compared with other boroughs has been carried out, with great success. It consists of wood-blocking with rough blocks of split wood, about 9 inches long. These are steeped in boiling tar, and laid on a sand foundation, hot tar with sand being used to fill in the interstices; the whole, well rammed, forms a first-class street, perfectly safe for any traffic, in all weathers. A large portion of Botany-street has been paved in this way, and has stood the test of very heavy traffic during the last twelve months, without showing the slightest sign of wear. Two other streets are now in course of being re-made in this manner. Many crossings are formed of the material, and have answered admirably. As the cost of this work is not much greater than the ordinary macadam, over which it has many advantages, the material will probably be used more extensively in the leading thoroughfares. These, as a rule, are 66 feet wide, but some are extremely narrow, and houses in many of the old lanes are objectionably close together. The principal footpaths are asphalted, but the rest are merely formed. A very large extent has not been kerbed and guttered. As this work, as well as asphalting, is done only when householders are willing to contribute one-third of its cost, it appears probable that many years will elapse before these much-needed improvements are effected.

A portion of the borough has been aligned, but encroachments on the footpaths are numerous. The Government, who undertake the work of aligning the whole of the municipalities, seem to show a considerable amount of apathy in the matter, and in many instances not only inconvenience, but absolute injury and loss, are caused by their delays. The Council employ on an average 16 men to keep the streets in proper repair, but a considerable amount of work has also been done in the way of making roads, &c.

The only public reserve in the borough is Mount Carmel Park, which consists of about 7½ acres. It is now being formed and laid out, and will, when completed, be a delightful promenade. The town hall is a somewhat handsome building, and slightly out of proportion to its surroundings. It cost £825, and contains the usual municipal offices, a hall capable of seating 250 people, and a free public library and reading-room.

There are two local fire engines, the control of the brigades being vested in the metropolitan Board. Numerous industries are carried on in the borough, a very large amount of employment being provided for the residents. Among others may be mentioned wool-washing establishments, tanneries, soap works, soap works, bakeries, and breweries, all to this list may be added vegetable growing, which in this locality is a very important item indeed. Waterloo, like one or two other suburbs, is essentially a working-man's borough, and it contains many a working-man's home, and it contains dwellings of a superior description.

The total number of houses is 1656, and the total number of ratepayers, 2344. The total annual assessed value of rateable property is £65,441. The houses are: general, 1s. in the pound; lighting, 3d.; and an extra charge is made for the removal of nightsoil. The total revenue for the last financial year, including the Government grant of £1472 17s. 4d., was £19,036 6s. 7d. The total expenditure for the same period was £20,905 6s. 7d. Grants in aid were received from Sir Daniel Cooper to the amount of £200, and from Mr. William Cooper to the amount of £250. The following extract from a letter written by Mr. Gerard Phillips, dated January 31, 1862, will show the relative value of property in the borough then and now:—"The vacant land held by Sir Daniel Cooper on the Mount Lachlan Estate amounts to 82 acres, as mentioned in my letter of the 26th of October last. The value fixed by your council—viz., £5 per acre—I consider too high, as it exceeds even the amount fixed by the Woolstone municipality for land of a better class. I will, however, place the matter before the trustees of the estate, and let the council know what they consider to be a fair rate." The land at Mount Carmel, part of this estate, as being resumed last year for a public park, fetched £800 per acre. Debentures to the extent of £15,000 were issued in Sydney in 1860. They bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and are redeemable in 15 years.

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XI.—ALEXANDRIA.

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The Alexandria and Macdonaldtown Park is a public reserve common to both municipalities. It consists of 22 acres, and is fenced and planted. The Government some time ago re-umed 10 acres of land on the south side of Buckland-street for the purposes of a public reservoir, but litigation has arisen over the matter, and everything is now at a standstill. In the meantime the land is being utilised by Chinamen for growing vegetables. The building in which the principal business is transacted was built in 1880, at a cost of a little under £2000, and besides the usual offices contains a free public library and reading room, and a hall containing sitting accommodation for 300 persons. Like its immediate neighbours, Alexandria is a working man's borough, nearly all the dwellings being of a humble description. A large number of industrial occupations are carried on, some being of a slightly unpleasant nature, so far as the olfactory nerves are concerned. Among others, may be mentioned boiling-down establishments, tanneries, soap and candle works, and a vanish factory.

The total number of houses in the borough is nearly 2000, and the number of ratepayers on the municipal roll 1150. The estimated capital value of rateable property is £800,000, and the total annual assessed value is about £60,000. The rates levied are—General, 1s. in the pound; lighting, 3d., the latter rate being charged in the two wards only in which public lamps are used. Next year the whole of the borough will be placed under the lighting rate. An extra charge is also made for the removal of nightsoil. During the last financial year the Government grant amounted to £639 7s. 8d. For the same period the total revenue, exclusive of outstanding accounts, amounted to £4234 6s. 9d., and the total expenditure to £3978 2s. 9d. Six percent debentures to the extent of £5000, were issued in Sydney in 1885, and a similar amount in 1887, the whole being redeemable in from 10 to 15 years. £3000 was also borrowed privately for a term of years at 5 per cent. interest per annum. The total amount borrowed is thus £13,000.

The following gentlemen were the Mayors during the years named:—

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William Bryant... 1879 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885

George Wood... 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878

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THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

The committee of the Municipal Association of New South Wales held their monthly meeting yesterday at the Town Hall. There were present—Messrs. W. A. Hutchinson (vice-president) in the chair; J. Graham, F. J. Dickson, Neale, Colls, M.L.A., J. Wheeler, Simpson, W. G. Burns, and Jason.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE MAYOR OF SYDNEY.

Mr. H. Riley, M.L.A., who on account of having to represent the Mayor at his year's office, was specially requested to be present at the meeting, was specially requested to be present for a few minutes. Mr. Riley, therefore, attended.

Mr. H. Riley and the association had certainly gained by the Mayor's presence during his year's office, and in setting such good example in the centre of all their municipal institutions. It behoved them to thank the Mayor from the bottom of their hearts for the able way in which he had managed the business of the chief municipal authority, and for the great services rendered to the association in its arduous deliberations. He had much pleasure in moving—"That a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Riley for the attention given to the affairs of the association during the year."

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion, and cordially voted it carried.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was received and dealt with:—

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To Gentlemen Furnishing, Private Buyers, Furniture Warehouses, Commission Brokers, and others.
REGULAR WEEKLY UNRESERVED SALE
BY AUCTION
OF
SUPERIOR COLONIAL-MADE FURNITURE,
comprising—
CAMPHOR WOOD, CEDAR, and PINE BEDROOM
SUITES
CEDAR and PINE WARDROBES, plate glass doors
PINE BEDROOM SUITES, BEDS, DRAWS, &c.
CEDAR and PINE TOILETS, marble tops, the books
CAMPHOR WOOD and CEDAR SIDEBOARDS
CEDAR and PINE CHESTS OF DRAWERS
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OFFICE TABLES, OFFICE DESKS
REVOLVING-BOOK CABINETS
CEDAR and PINE DINING-ROOM TABLES
DINING and TOILET TABLES
OCCASIONAL and OVAL TABLES
KITCHEN DRESSERS, &c., &c.
DRAWING AND DINING ROOM SUITES
&c., &c., &c.

MILLS and PILE have received instructions to sell the above, at auction, at their Rooms, 190, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, December 20, at 11 o'clock.
TERMS, CASH.

No reserve.

GREAT CONTINUATION SALE

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

TO-DAY, TUESDAY,
at 11 a.m.

POSITIVELY UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE
of
RECHERCHE GOODS and TOYS of all descriptions.
Also,
HIGH-CLASS STELLING SILVER and GOLD JEWELLERY.

Specially arranged for Christmas Season.

REYNOLDS BROS. and CO., 74, Pitt-street, near Pitt-street, have received instructions to sell the above at 11 a.m., and continue throughout the day.
To Contractors, Ironmongers, Builders, Machinists, Saddlers, Manufacturers, Steamship Companies, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER,
at 11 a.m.

POSITIVELY UNRESERVED SALE
of
CONTRACTORS' PLANT, &c.

Under Instructions from the Mortgagors.

150 Tons of Assorted BOLTS and NUTS (in lots if desired) and PAIRS of ANCHORS, TACKLES, PINCHERS (in lots) FIBER RASPS, ADZES, PUMPS, SPERM LUBRICATING OIL, &c.
150 Pounds of Brass and Steel HAMMER BUCKLES, assorted POLE CHAINS, SPURS, and FIRE IRONS.

BYNFOLDS BROS. and CO., 74, Pitt-street, near Pitt-street, have received instructions to sell the above without any reserve, on WEDNESDAY, at 11 a.m.

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,

Walker-street, North Shore.

G. T. CLARKE and CO. have received instructions to sell the above, at their Rooms, 14, Pitt-street, WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1887.

IN AN INTESTATE ESTATE.

LARGE OFFICE TABLE, with enclosed pigeon holes and drawers, OFFICE CHAIRS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, DOLLS, BOOKS, FISHING LINES, &c.

Also,
THE BALANCE OF FANCY CHINA, hand-painted Flower-pots, Vases, China Figures, Japanese Goods, &c., &c.

N. S. COHEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 14, Pitt-street, WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock, the above.

TERMS, CASH, NO RESERVE.

UNRESERVED SALE.

TIMBER. TIMBER. TIMBER.

GARRARD and HAMILTON will sell by auction, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, at Mitchell-road, Albury, opposite the Post Office, next to general store, 300ft. x 21ft. hardwood
2600ft. x 3 ft. 2in. wood
400ft. x 3 ft. 2in. pine
200ft. pine battens
400ft. x 2 ft. G. flooring
600ft. x 2 ft. 6in. pine
Gallows, iron, all lengths
Also, 50 pairs of stones
Doors, sashes, architraves, &c.
In lots and in purchases.

TERMS, cash.

WEDNESDAY, 21st instant, at 11 a.m.

AS ANGLEDON, GLENMORE ROAD,
opposite Public School, Paddington.

ATTRACTIVE SALE

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
MAGNIFICENT PIANO
DISHES, COOKERY, PICTURES, CERAMICS, WHATNOT
Tables, Chairs, Pictures, Cornices, Books
DINNER SERVICE, TEA and COFFEE SERVICE
BED ROOMS, BEDROOM SUITES, BEDDING
Wardrobes, Bedsteads, Bedding
Chest Drawers, Pictures, Commodes
Chests, Trunks, &c., &c.
Dresser, Toilet, &c., &c.
COW, very quiet.

W. M. CRANE, Jun., has received instructions to sell by auction, on the premises, as above.

TERMS, CASH.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
TO-MORROW, Wednesday, 21st December, at 11 a.m.
AT TORNINGTON, 10, Pitt-street, Liverpool, Lancashire, England, where the whole of his
Household Furniture and Effects, including
Superior Bed and Bedding
Wardrobes, Bedsteads, Bedding
Chest Drawers, Pictures, Commodes
Chests, Trunks, &c., &c.
Dresser, Toilet, &c., &c.

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Catalogues on application at Auctioneers' Office.
Luncheon provided.

N.B.—Out sales, no general charges.

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Under Instructions from the Importers.

Ex Glass, &c., from Hongkong.

2000 BAGS JAPAN POLISHED RICE.

To Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Country Storekeepers, Shippers, Dealers, &c.

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Ex Orient, &c., from London.

PASSENGERS' SURPLUS STORES, &c.,

comprising—

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